

COUNTRIES and Germany REF ID: 25X1TOPIC Arrival of Soviet Troops at the Schweinrich Training AreaEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. supplementary information on troop movements and unloadings at the Schweinrich training area between 12 and 15 April 1953:

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At 10:30 p.m. on 12 April. Unloading of 10 to 15 boxcarloads of troops in Wittstock. The detained troops were picked up by motor vehicles

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At 8:30 a.m. on 13 April. Unloading of 15 to 20 mortars, ammunition, equipment, and an undetermined number of trucks

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At 5:30 p.m. on 13 April. Unloading of 1 truck, 2 sidocar motorcycles, 1 BA-64 armored scout car, 26 trucks, 6 x 120-mm mortars troops and equipment in Wittstock.

At 8 p.m. on 13 April. Unloading of two shipments, each of 25 to 30 trucks, 12 to 15 mortars, troops, ammunition, equipment and an undetermined number of motor vehicles

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At 5:45 p.m. on 14 April. Unloading of 8 T-43 tanks, 3 BA-64 armored scout cars, 18 to 20 trucks, 4 field kitchens 11 boxcarloads of troops and an undetermined number of trucks

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At 6:15 p.m. on 14 April. Unloading of 9 BA-64 armored scout cars, 17 trucks and 2 sedans. and 21 boxcarloads of troops and equipment, in Wittstock.

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At 5:45 p.m. on 15 April. A train carrying 11 SU-100 guns, BA-64 armored scout car, 1 x 37-mm AA gun, 3 field kitchens, 6 boxcarloads of troops and 18 trucks

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passing through Wittstock toward Branse.

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At 6 p.m. on 15 April. Unloading of 14 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 boxcarloads of troops, 2 boxcarloads of ammunition, 3 field kitchens, and 29 trucks [redacted] in Wittstock. All the shipments, which came from the direction of Pritzwalk, were escorted by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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[redacted] Comment. The information in this report supplements previous observations [redacted] of unloadings of elements of the 13th Meck Div in Wittstock and Drause between 12 and 18 April.

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[redacted]. Thus, the number of trains observed adds up to 19 trains, which carried a total of 106 tanks of various types, at least 14 x 122-mm field howitzers, 70 mortars of all calibers, and about 300 trucks.

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